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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 732.400

First Inventor or Application Identifier Robert A. Luciano

Title PRINTER TEAR BAR AND PRESENTER SYSTEM

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 20]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
  - Background of the invention
  - Brief Summary of the invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 3]
4. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]
  - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)
    - i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

5. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
6. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
  - b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
  - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
8. ☐ 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
9. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
10. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
11. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
12. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
13. ☐ \* Small Entity Statement(s) ☒ Statement filed in prior application  
(PTO/SB/09-12) Status still proper and desired
14. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
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Prior application information: Examiner Omar Flores-Sanchez Group / Art Unit: 3724

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Box NEW PATENT APPLICATION  
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*In re application of: Robert A. Luciano and Rymond G. Bryan*

*Serial number:*

*Filed:*

*Title: PRINTER TEAR BAR AND PRESENTER SYSTEM*

*Attorney docket number: 732.400 Luciano.CON-Printer Tear Bar System*

Dear Sir:

The following is/are submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office for appropriate action:

1. A Continuation Patent Application.
2. Three (3) sheets of drawings.
3. A Copy of the Declaration for Utility Patent Application filed on October 16, 1999.
4. A Preliminary Amendment.
5. A Utility Patent Application Transmittal.
6. A Fee Transmittal.
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Filing Date	
First Named Inventor	Robert A. Luciano
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Attorney Docket No.	732.400

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### FEE CALCULATION

#### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101 690	201 345	Utility filing fee	345.00
106 310	206 155	Design filing fee	
107 480	207 240	Plant filing fee	
108 690	208 345	Reissue filing fee	
114 150	214 75	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 345.00

#### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	-20** =	X	= 0
Multiple Dependent	-3** =	X	= 0

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103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 78	202 39	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 260	204 130	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 78	209 39	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)


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#### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105 130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	0.00
127 50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	0.00
139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	0.00
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	0.00
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	0.00
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	0.00
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	0.00
116 380	216 190	Extension for reply within second month	0.00
117 870	217 435	Extension for reply within third month	0.00
118 1,360	218 680	Extension for reply within fourth month	0.00
128 1,850	228 925	Extension for reply within fifth month	0.00
119 300	219 150	Notice of Appeal	0.00
120 300	220 150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	0.00
121 260	221 130	Request for oral hearing	0.00
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	0.00
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	0.00
141 1,210	241 605	Petition to revive - unintentional	0.00
142 1,210	242 605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	0.00
143 430	243 215	Design issue fee	0.00
144 580	244 290	Plant issue fee	0.00
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126 240	126 240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	0.00
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149 690	249 345	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	0.00
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